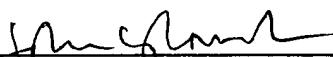


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Serial No. 09/575,894 ) Examiner: Pham, Khanh B.  
Filing Date: May 22, 2000 ) Group Art Unit No. 2177  
For METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
IDENTIFYING RELATED SEARCHES IN )  
A DATABASE SEARCH SYSTEM )

**AMENDMENT**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May, 9, 2003 and having a period for response set to expire on September 9, 2003 as extended by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawing** on page 13 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 14 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 20 of this paper.